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To Managing Editor

The News and Courier, Charleston, South Carolina

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new lead for MAIN OXFORD STORY---

Federal marshals took command of the heart of Ole Miss campus tonight, firing smoke and nausea gas shells at ~~xxx~~ students who milled around the main administration building and ~~shouted~~ ^{shouted} ~~shouted~~ ^{angrily} as reports circulated that Gov. Ross Barnett had capitulated.

It was chemical warfare against Mississippians. Squads of marshals, wearing gasmasks, moved on the run from their lines on the steps of the white-columned Lyceum, firing gas shells at groups of retreating students. It was a wild sight as the men in gasmasks raced through the darkness, lobbing shell after shell at students fleeing from the main theater of operations. The press ran with the students, trying to escape the chemical clouds that drifted ~~through the foliage~~ across the campus.

The gas shells were fired after students threw cigaret butts at the army trucks parked to form a barrier

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in front of the marshals. The students shouted ~~epithets~~ ^{marshals} at
the ~~marshals~~ saying "Why don't you go to Cuba? They yelled:
"7-6-4-3, go to hell Kennedy."

When State Sen. George Yarmorough appeared to ask them ~~not to~~ ^{to go back}
to their dorms ~~create a disturbance~~, the students shouted him down. They yelled
~~Why~~ ^{marshals} Why don't you tell the Yankee ~~marshals~~ to get off the campus?
~~One~~ One student in the front of the crowd asked: "Is he from
Mississippi."

After the first barrage of gas shells, the students ran across
and tree covered
the grassy area in front of the Lyceum. As soon as the smoke and
gas cleared, they ~~returned to the~~ ^{marshals} moved back to the vicinity of
the marshals. Soon cold drink bottles were ~~being~~ thrown at the
marshals. That's when the second barrage came, and then the
advancing skirmish line of ~~marshals~~ ^{marshals} who fired as they ran.

- Anthony Harrigan